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FOR EA-HOLBROOKE AND EA/RA COLBERT

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1. APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON SECRETARY PROPOSED SPEECH TO
ASIA SOCIETY JUNE 29.

2. THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON CHINA WILL INEVITABLY BE READ --
BY AMERICAN
AND CHINESE AUDIENCES ALIKE-- IN LIGHT OF ANNOUNCED AUGUST 22-26 VISI
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TO PEKING AND JUNE 23 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN
THAT HIGH-LEVEL CHINA POLICY REVIEW IN PROGRESS. ITH THIS IN MIND, WE

BELIEVE THAT PARAGRAPHS 42-49 SHOULD BE DRAFTED WITH AN EYE TO:
EDUCATING AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION REGARDING THE CURRENT CONTENT AND
GOALS OF OUR CHINA POLICY

--PLACING A POSITIVE CAST ON THE AUGUST VISIT WITHOUT FORECLOSING THE
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SECRETARY'S NEGOTIATING OPTIONS

3. BUT WE FIND MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE DATED, CULLED FROM POLICY STATEMEN
TS
DELIVERED DURING 1972-76 AND APPLICABLE TO CONCERNS AND RELATIONSHIPS
SPECIFIC TO THAT PERIOD. HOWEVER VALID SUCH STATEMENTS MAY REMAIN IN
THE CONCEPTUAL SENSE, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT VERBATIM REPETITION WILL

BE PERCEIVED --PARTICULARLY BY THE CHINESE AUDIENCE --AS A CLEAR SIGNAL THAT THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT FOCUSED SERIOUSLY ON CHINA. PARA 49 IN PARTICULAR SEEMS DESIGNED TO DOWNPLAY EXPECTATION OF ANY MEANINGFUL RESULTS FROM THE SECRETARY'S AUGUST DISCUSSIONS.

4. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN PARA 42-49 AND 69:

42. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS WE HAVE CARRIED ON A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MAJOR DIFFERENCES IN OUR SOCIAL SYSTEMS, OUR IDEOLOGY, AND OUR CULTURE, WE HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN OBLITERATING THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND HOSTILITY OF THE PAST.

43. I HAVE JUST MET WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LED BY AMBASSADOR HAO TE-CHING. OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS MANY AMERICAN GROUPS HAVE VISITED THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND WE HAVE ENTERTAINED MANY DELEGATIONS FROM CHINA. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT SUCH PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS WILL ENHANCE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

44. AMERICANS TRADITIONALLY HAVE HAD A GENUINE INTEREST IN CHINA, ITS CULTURE, AND ITS PEOPLE. AN IMPROVED US RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA IS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PEOPLES.

45. BETTER US RELATIONS WITH CHINA ARE VITAL IF WE ARE TO AVOID THE SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT OCCURRED DURING THE PAST; BOTH SIDES MUST SEEK TO AVOID FUTURE CONFRONTATIONS. THE ECONOMIC WELLBEING OF

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THE PEOPLE OF ASIA REST IN LARGE PART ON PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH CHINA. ON A BROADER SCALE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ENVISION GLOBAL EQUILIBRIUM OR PROGRESS ON THE MANY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WHICH CONFRONT ALL NATIONS WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF CHINA AND ITS 900 MILLION PEOPLE.

46. THIS ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO BE A CENTRAL PART OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY, JUST AS WE CONSIDER CHINA'S ROLE IN MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE TO BE VITAL. THE US WILL NOT ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS WITH OTHERS THAT ARE DIRECTED AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. OWING TO ITS INDEPENDENCE, UNITY AND SELF-RELIANCE, CHINA CAN MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA.

47. THE US WILL BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IN MOVING TOWARDS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHINESE VIEW THAT THERE IS BUT ONE CHINA. AS WE INDICATED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE 5#3 7.S. HAS AN INTEREST IN THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE TAIWAN QUESTION BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

48. RETAIN DRAFT PARAGRAPH 48 SAVE FOR FINAL SENTENCE.

50. AS WE PREPARE TO GO TO PEKING, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS
ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AND WE WILL APPROACH THE TALKS IN PEKING WITH
SINCERITY AND CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE

51. PICK UP FROM PARAGRAPH 50 IN ORIGINAL DRAFT.

5. WE SUGGEST THAT PARAGRAPH 69 SHOULD BE ALTERED TO READ:
THE REMARKABLE ECONOMIC RECORD OF OTHER PARTS OF ASIA OVER THE LAST
DECADE MMM(WITHOUT THIS CHANGGE TAIWAN IS LISTED AS A "COUNTRY" -- AN
OBSERVATION CERTAIN TO RAISE PRC HACKLES).

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